# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Priest Emergency Number: After hours line for serious medical emergencies 580-485-7749

#### **Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm 7:30 am **Sunday:** 9:00 am

Weekdays:

Monday No Mass

Tuesday McLoud 6:30 pm Wednesday Harrah 6:30 pm 9:00 am Thursday McLoud Friday Harrah 9:00 am

Adoration: First Fridays 8:am-6:pm Mass 6:00 pm

**Holy Days:** As announced in the bulletin

**Confessions:** Saturday -3:00-3:45 pm

Sunday -7:00-7:20 am

**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office for Appointment. **Marriage:** See pastor six months prior to wedding.

(Please contact the parish office for questions.)

### Parish phone listing

Office: (405) 454-2819 Office Fax: (405) 309-6416 St. Teresa Parish Hall: (405) 454-6076 St. Teresa Cemetery: (405) 620-1981 **St. Vincent de Paul Society: (405) 343-2938** Religious Education Center: (405) 454-9440

**Adult Education** ~ Mondays 7 p.m.- R.E. Building **Altar Society** ~ the first Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm (Sep-May) **Catholic Daughters** ~ the first Sunday of the month 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus** ~ the first Sunday of the month 7:00pm **Parish Council** ~ First Thursday of the month St. Vincent de Paul ~ MEETING Mondays (bi-weekly), 6:00 pm

Religious Education Classes ~Wednesdays, 7:00 pm **Prayer Group** ~ Tuesdays in the church at 6:00 pm **RCIA Classes** ~ Tuesdays 7pm in the family center Youth Group (Grades 6-8) ~Sunday 6:30pm to 8pm

**High School Youth Group** (Grades 9-12) Sundays, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Jr Catholic Daughters** ~ First Sunday of month, 4:30 pm

**SVDP Food Bank~** open Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>
Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>
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9:00 a.m. †Leo Nowakowski

Wed. August 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. †

Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. †Charlie Werchan

Saturday Aug. 31 † Gary Cumro
Sunday Sept. 1st † Frank Scalzo

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Sunday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> †Bud and Dora Lee Kusak Wed. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> †Charlie Werchan

Friday (adoration) Sept. 6th †Barbara Davenport

Readings for this week

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;

Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26 **Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13: Ps 139:7-12ab: Mt

23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab,

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Mk 6:17-29

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;

Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30 **Sunday**: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Offerings Last Week

Sunday Collections: \$5033.00

Children's: \$4.81 Assumption: \$945.00 Catholic Uni: \$566.00

Total: \$

Mass Time Changes

Starting Sept. 4th !!!!!!

R.E. School Year changes!

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month:

Mass including the R.E. kids is at 7 p.m.

2, 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays Mass is at 6:30 with a special prayer service after mass for St.
Teresa of Avila

## St. Augustine the Doctor of the Church August 28th

St. Augustine was born at Tagaste (modern Algeria) in Africa. His father was a pagan who converted on his death bed; his mother was Saint Monica, a devout Christian. He received a Christian upbringing and in 370 went to the University at Carthage to study rhetoric with a view to becoming a lawyer. He gave up law to devote himself to literary pursuits and gradually abandoned his Christian faith, taking a mistress with whom he lived fifteen years and who bore him a son, Adeodatus, in 372. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a Manichaean for several years; it taught of a great struggle between good and evil, and featured a lax moral code. A summation of his thinking at the time comes from his Confessions: "God, give me chastity and continence - but not just now." In 384, he accepted the chair of rhetoric at Milan, and of his tutor, Simplicianus, he returned to his Christian faith and was baptized on Easter Eve 387. On the death of his mother he returned to Africa, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and founded a sort of monastery at Tagaste. He was ordained in 390 and moved to Hippo where he established a community with several of his friends who had followed him. Five years later he was consecrated Bishop and made coadjutor to Valerius, Bishop of Hippo, whom he succeeded in the following year. Augustine became the dominant figure in African Church affairs and was the leader in the bitter fights against Manichaeism, Donatism, Pelagianism and other heresies. Augustine's towering intellect molded the thought of Western Christianity to such an extent that his years after his death. He wrote profusely, expositing and defending the faith, and to this day many of his two hundred treatises, some three hundred sermons are of major import in theology and philosophy. Among his best best-known works are his Confessions; City of God, a magnificent exposition of a Christian philosophy of history; De Trinitate; De Doctrina Christiana; Enchiridion; and his treatises against the Manichaeans and the Pelagians. His later thinking can be summed up in a line from his writings: "Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you." Called Doctor of Grace, he is one of the greatest of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and with the possible exception of Thomas Aquinas, the greatest single intellect the Catholic Church has ever produced.

Born: November 13, 354 at Tagaste, Numidia, North Africa (Souk-Ahras, Algeria) as Aurelisu Augustinus

Died: August 28, 430 at Hippo (Feast Day)

Patron Saint of: brewers, theologians, printers, sore eyes

#### Meetings coming up:

## ⇒Altar Society Meeting is September 8th at 1 p.m. in the family center.

⇒There will be a meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

## **SVdP** is needing volunteers for the food bank

Saint Vincent de Paul Society is looking for two parishioners to volunteer in the food pantry, distributing food to the needy in our community. Every other Monday each month, 4:30-5:30. Call or text Marty Samwel @ 409-4589.

## News from Religious Education Starting September 4th

Religious Education classes start on Wednesday, September 4th.

Please register your students (age 4 through high school senior) with the forms found in the church entrances. **Completed forms need to be turned in before** students will be allowed in class. Registration will also take place on the 4th beginning at 6:30 pm.

Questions- contact Sandra Sumaza.

# COME AND SEE! August 27th or September 3rd

This is a meeting open to everyone. We invite any parishioner, visitor, Catholic, or non-Catholic to attend. There is no registration or requirements. No expectation for a non-Catholic to join the Church. It is an excellent opportunity for evangelization.

Something we are all expected as Catholics to do. Have a cup of coffee or soda and ask questions about our Faith--or just listen in.

First session is Tuesday, August 27 Second session is Tuesday, September 3 Both sessions are at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

## RCIA Starting September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program to help non-Catholics discern if the Catholic Church is where they should be. It also serves to assist returning Catholics who have been away for a while and need some support as they journey back. This Rite begins Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. This is another excellent opportunity for evangelization.

Please call Doug Kretchmar at 405-640-0745 with questions, concerns, or names of participants of either program.

# **Local Catholic Events**

#### Life in the Spirit Sept 6th and 7th

The Holy Spirit can transform people and their ministry! This two-day event will help people grow in their understanding of the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit for their everyday life and ministry. The event is Sept. 6-7 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway. Special guests include Sr. Lucy of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, Fr. Joseph Arledge and Tori Harris of Arise Worship Ministry. Cost is \$40 pp or \$80 per couple. After Aug. 15, \$50 pp or \$90 per couple. Visit archokc.org/spirit.

## **Liturgical Roles for September**

Saturday 4 P.M. 7:30 A.M. Sunday
Ministers of Holy Communion Ministers of Holy Communi

Ministers of Holy Communion Stan DeLong Rachel Espolt Ministers of Holy Communion Rich Boyd

9:00 A.M. Sunday

Michael Brown Stan DeLong
Karen Manwell Rachel Espolt
Linda Parker Steve Gorczyca
Martha Shawnee
Susan Stramski

Danyelis Eskue Kendall Foster David McCorkle Dean Schirf Lectors

**Lectors** Kelly Trice Lectors

Bernadette Klimkowski

Amelia Stramski
Philip Stramski

**Ushers** Glen Nead Thomas Staton Stan Malaske

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Altar Servers: Please check your email for scheduling or contact Melanie Rivera @ 405-534-7700

# A call to join the Prayer Ministry

→Did you know? St. Teresa's has a group of people who pray for the specific needs of those on our parish prayer list that is published in the bulletin. If you would like to be a part of this group please contact Debra Birdsong at 650-4662 or Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728.

## St. Teresa's Prayer List

Our Parish has a prayer chain for our parish family concerns. You may call for prayer requests to either Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 or Debra Birdsong at 650-4662. The prayer list is updated every three months. Please contact us if a name should be relisted.

Bonnie Anderson, Brad Anglin, Amanda Ashley, Taylor Atkinson, Brittany Baltazor, Neal Baltazor Jan Barnes, Tom Barnes, Sissy Belicheck, Tom Boyle, Tommy Breske, Anita Brimm, Sally Bugg, Easton Carpenter, Brett Cleveland, Christian Cleveland, J.C. Compton, Kenny Conn, Rebecca David, Loretta Dixon, Virginia Drew, Kathleen Duggins, Ron & Loretta Finley, Christine Floyd, Mary Ellen Fortleney, JoAnn Gravitt, Kemi Gravitt, Mary Gravitt, Marilyn Gravitt, Philo Gravitt, Kortney Griffith, Stella Hartig, Martha Hopcus, Ronny Jaro, Ann Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Billy Keller, Matthew Keller, David Kreikemeier, Don Lachance, Chuck Lang, Maria Leslie, Elanora Lipinski, Michelle Lynch, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B, Doris Mann, Rex Mann, Harriett Marshall, Evadne Mathews, avid McKinney, Coreen Miller, Paul & Charlotte Nickel, Darrell O'Neal, Paul Oliver, Clare Owens, Trisha Parker, Fred Rodriguez Mary Rodriguez, Fred and Donna Roller, Marjorie Royal, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek,, Juanita Shaffer, Ruth Shaw, Jo Sims, Darrell Simpson, Aline Smith, Brenda Smith, Daniel Smith, Lola Smith, Laverne Stejskal, Logan Stephens, Wesley StillSmoking, John Thomas, Coby Trout, Emily Tucker, Madison Tytanic, Henry Villarma, Jake Visnieski,

Samuel Visnieski, Olivia Voyles, Carolyn Werchan, Candace Wietelman, Tammy Wilson, Vickie Wilson, Barbara Wyskup, Louise Wyskup, George Yancy, Filex & Ann Zachare, Mert Zawisza.

Please pray for the repose of the souls who have passed: Barbara Davenport, Ron Dennis, Doyle Sitton and Charlie Werchan.

#### **Bulletin and mass announcement requests**

All bulletin and mass announcement requests/changes or corrections must be in the office by no later than noon on Thursday. Additionally, all after mass announcements must have prior approval from Father Deva. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.